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ADVISORY FOR PORTION OF ST. ANDREWS BAY LIFTED

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is lifting the advisory for a portion of St. Andrews Bay from W 14th Street south to Chestnut Avenue.

The advisory was issued on April 9, 2021 following a release of approximately **28,800 gallons of raw sewage**. This was due to a force main line failure at **3003 W13**th **Street in Panama City**. The release entered a storm drain which empties into **St Andrews Bay**.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses**, **bacteria**, and **parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible** in **open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay. Florida Health.gov.

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